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SUBJ: MEETING OF CONSULTATIONS ON MTN IN SCCN FRAMEWORK

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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL OUTLINED TODAY BY ECON COUNSELOR IN CONVERSATION WITH ABEL GARRIDO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY.

2. GARRIDO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING DECLARATION PREPARED BY GATTPREPCOM WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD CONSTITUTE FOR MOST PART REPETITION OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MEXICO (MEXICO 5855). HE AGREED THAT MEETING WOULD ALSO CONSIST OF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WHICH WERE IN HIS VIEW SOMEWHAT VAGUE IN PREPCOM DRAFT DECLARATION.

3. GARRIDO SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCCN MEETING BECAUSE HE WAS LEAVING FOR TOKYO ON SEPT. 6

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IN ORDER TO HAVE A FEW DAYS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER

DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO TOKYO MINISTERIAL. HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT HECTOR HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY, WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE EITHER SINCE HERNANDEZ WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR TOKYO WITH TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND WOULD NEED EARLIER PART THIS WEEK FOR PREPARATION THIS TRIP. IN GARRIDO'S OPINION, MEXICAN DELEGATE WOULD PROBABLY BE DIONISIO MEADE, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY SECTION IN TREASURY.

4. WHEN ECON COUNSELOR INQUIRED CONCERNING PROGRESS OF GOM IN PREPARING LIST OF PROBLEM AREAS, PRODUCTS AND PRIORITIES FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH U.S. AS REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE, GARRIDO EXPRESSED BELIEF THIS WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL PERHAPS MID-OCTOBER. HE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSULT PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOW GOING ON, WITH ONE MEETING HAVING BEEN HELD MORNING OF AUGUST 30.

5. GARRIDO HAD JUST RETURNED TO MEXICO FROM CECLA MEETING AND IN ANSWER TO QUERY SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE CECLA MEETING HAD BEEN A USEFUL ONE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DECLARATION HAD BEEN REASONABLY BALANCED (BRASILIA 5555) AND THAT ROLE OF MEXICAN DELEGATION DURING DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE.
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